Our guest speaker today, is Peter Dyer, who is a dentist by profession but also a doctor as he decided to take his Medical exams in order that he could carry out maxillofacial work, so he is a very clever man being a dentist and a doctor.

But first let me tell you about Peter as he was actually born in Essex but was only there for two weeks before his father, a doctor, moved the family to Colne in Lancashire.

Peter went to the local Colne primary school and in 1968 was enrolled at LRGS

Initially as a boarder but by this time the family had moved to Hest Bank so Peter

attended school as a day boy until 1975 gaining A-levels in biology, physics and

Chemistry.

During his time in the fifth and sixth forms and whilst at LRGS, Peter went to

the local community dentist called Keith Wood who got Peter interested in

Dentistry and Peter used to drill and fill extracted teeth would you believe

whilst still attending school!

Peter left LRGS in 1975 to study dentistry at the Royal Dental Hospital of

London gaining a Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree in 1979.

Peter was then working at Great Ormond Street Hospital as a resident Oral

Surgeon because Peter wanted to be a children's dentist and whilst there he

was doing a lot of cleft lip and palate work so he got interested in the

Surgery side of things so decided to apply for medicine and subsequently

undertook a medical degree at University College Hospital, London.

And also, in Bristol being awarded in 1988 a degree as a Bachelor of Medicine

And Bachelor of Surgery thus completing his training in oral and

Maxillofacial surgery.

Peter holds fellowships from the surgical colleges in Edinburgh and Dublin.

Since 1998 Peter has been a consultant in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the

University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS foundation trust.

He has worked as the medical director for the trust and is responsible for the

Appraisal and revalidation of the medical staff.

He is a senior clinical lecturer on oral surgery and oral diseases at the University of Central Lancashire teaching both undergraduates and postgraduates.

Peter's special interest is in facial anomalies and trauma surgery, and he is the

Co-editor of the handbook of immediate care and has contributed to numerous textbooks on trauma.

Peter has been a distinguished life member of the British Dental Association since 2017.

He was president of the British Dental Association in 2017 to 2018 and is the Chair of the Central Committee for Hospital Dental Services.

In addition to his incredible work within the NHS and at UCLan peter works tirelessly to benefit those living in the Silverdale and Lancaster communities including here at LRGS.

Peter's lifelong support for school continues and we are incredibly grateful to him for his support and hard work as one of our school trustees.

It is thanks to Peter's hard work that the school has defibrillators on site, Which are available to be used by the wider community.

Peter is extremely generous with his time and knowledge and often returns to school to speak to current pupils and works hard as an Old Lancastrian Club Committee member and with other members of the committee continue to provide help and support to school and we were all thrilled that his dedication and achievements have been formally recognised and that in the Kings 2024 birthday honours list Peter was made an Officer of the most Excellent order of the British empire – an OBE! – and not just for his years of dedicated service to dentistry and medicine but for the amazing personal contributions that he has also made to communities within the Lancaster and Silverdale area.

Peter we are delighted to have you back here today and thank you for giving up your time to come to LRGS Speech Day and to present the prizes.

Peter I think it's time for you to say a few words, so Peter Dyer OBE every one!